

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1. - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method for providing Post Answer Call Redirection (PACR) to provide capacity relief to an existing telecommunications network and to predetermined network elements, the method comprising:

- a. receiving at a Border Element (BE) attributes associated with a telephone call established in a circuit switched network from a calling party;
- b. transmitting a message from the Border Element to a Call Control Element (CCE) to a Service Broker (SB) to an Application Server (AS) to a Media Server (MS), wherein a first query message is received by the AS without having been routed through a circuit-based portion of the existing telecommunications network and including a circuit switch, a circuit service control point (SCP), and a circuit adjunct;
- c. receiving at a Border Element instructions for PACR from the AS;
- d. providing PACR, via a combination of the AS, the MS, the BE, and the CCE without accessing the circuit switch, the circuit SCP, or the circuit adjunct; and
- e. after receiving PACR, routing a re-directed telephone call without accessing the circuit switch, the circuit SCP and the circuit adjunct.